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SUBJECT: BANGLADESH CONSIDERS UNAMID HELICOPTER REQUEST BUT  
HAS LIMITED AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE

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Post delivered reftel demarche requesting helicopters for UNAMID forces in Darfur to the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Armed Forces Division of Bangladesh. The Prime Minister's Security Advisor, Tarique Siddique, told PolEconCounselor the Bangladeshi Air Force (BAF) was considering the request, but they may not have medium utility helicopters available for UNAMID. Bangladesh has provided aircraft to United Nations forces based in Chad where they sometimes support UN operations in Darfur, but limitations on available aircraft have prevented the BAF from granting previous requests for helicopters to serve UNAMID operations. Post will follow up and report any further substantive reply.  
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